

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Newsweek magazine recently published an article speculating on how the world will look in 300 years. It is an interesting story even though no one today can possibly prove or disprove the details of the story. A couple of points in the article are worth noting. There will be fewer people in the world, as birth rates continue to fall. Those here will live much longer lives due to medical science discoveries and cleaner living. Surprisingly the prediction is there will be less religious diversity in the world. None of the other guesses surprise us, but our prediction would have been for more and more splinter religious groups and ideals, not more unity.

Another round in Elba's celebration of 150 years in existence will take place Saturday evening. The birthday bash will be "around the square" in downtown Elba. There will be hotdogs and burgers and cold "soda waters" available. There will be games for the youngsters and Elba native "Dr Sam" will be spinning the platters. The event will climax with what is promised to be a spectacular fireworks display shortly after dark. We'll see you there!

We attended a family reunion last Saturday. It is one of those old, old traditions on my dad's side of the family. Anyway, during one of the required reminiscing sessions with a cousin . . . about a second cousin . . . some interesting facets were revealed. This man is a WWII combat veteran, long ago retired from the a fancy federal job, and will be 78 years old this month. During the week he runs five to seven miles a day and on Saturday kicks it up to ten miles! He had already done his ten miles by noon Saturday and was talking a mile a minute, just like nothing had happened. Oh, in addition to that, twice weekly he drives into downtown Atlanta and lifts weights at the gym! We don't know exactly how fast he runs, and it doesn't matter. At 78 years of age, many people would give their eye teeth (or false teeth) to even walk that far in a day . . . and to do it every day . . . gosh! His idea is not to become a muscle man, but just retain what he has as long as possible. Oh, in case you have a picture of an overall wearing southern redneck, as a master piano player Jack claims to have played every piano in France as the U.S. troops marched toward Berlin. His French born wife backs him up on that matter. He had some surgery a couple of years ago on a little finger which was getting a permanent bend in it . . . not unusual with aging. We asked him at the time "Why?" and of course the answer was that it was beginning to interfere with his daily piano playing. Oh me!



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Elba Elementary School releases supply list for 2003-04 school year

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 30, 2003, investigated the following incidents, five for breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, six for disorderly conduct, two for burglary, three for harassment, two for disorderly conduct, one child welfare, one day taken from the animal shelter, one damage to property, one domestic violence, one vehicle search, one overdose, two for domestic dispute, one criminal trespassing, two for criminal mischief, one dog barking, one harassing communications, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia and one public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: two for unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one for burglary, one for disorderly conduct, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a switched tag, five for driving with a suspended driver's license, twelve for no proof of insurance, one for no proof of ownership, one for improper passing, one for running a stop sign, two for no child restraint, two for driving with an expired driver's license, one for driving on the wrong side of the road, three for violation of the seat belt law and one headlight out.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, JUNE 30 - Breaking and entering of a vehicle reported to 332 Bonner St. (5:09 a.m.); River stage - 7.03 feet (6:04 a.m.); River stage - 7.20 feet (5:43 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 768 Pinedale, Dr. (7:18 p.m.); Burglary reported at 342 Dr. Roberts Drive (8:53 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 1 - River stage - 8.36 feet (5:57 a.m.); River stage - 9.36 feet (9:01 a.m.); River stage - 11.34 feet (11:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1254 Martin Luther King Dr. (1:32 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 - River stage - 15.56 feet (5:57 a.m.); Wreck involving heavy equipment reported next to the Pea River Bridge (8:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 913 Flomoy (8:11 p.m.); Burglary reported at Mullins Circle (9:42 p.m.); Alarm activated at 1883 Hickman Ave. (11:40 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 3 - Alarm activated at 1130 Deep St. (8:10 a.m.); River stage - 14.40 feet (6:22 a.m.); Wreck reported in front of the Elba MarketPlace (11:53 a.m.) and reported at the Texaco by Cook Chevrolet (9:14 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1710 Jones St. (10:40 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 4 - River stage - 12.77 feet (6:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 816 Putnam St. (2:27 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 E. (5:11 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 E. (5:12 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Burch's Trailer Court, Lot 12 (7:17 p.m.); Prowler reported at 722 N. Claxton Ave. (9:17 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 5 - Disturbance (fireworks) reported at Powell Trailer Park (2:36 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 718 Putnam St. (3:10 a.m.); River stage - 14.67 feet (6:16 a.m.); Possible fight in progress reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (10:15 p.m.); Possible breaking and entering reported at 846 Troy Hwy. (11:37 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 6 - River stage - 13.90 feet (6:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 87 S. (7:21 a.m.); BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School VETERANS SERVICE CENTER - Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858 COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Elba Airport AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Mondays - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES



Back row: Jennifer Cole, Sallie Kruse, Steve, Deloris Vaughan, Kelli Nichols. Front row: Erica Ruede, John Granger, Jr., Chris Thomas.

Seven college students are serving as summer missionaries in Coffee County area

Seven college students are serving as summer missionaries in the Alabama Baptist State Convention. They give 10 weeks to help students appointed by the North

churches, associations, and communities with ministry oriented projects. Just giving their time is a notable commitment on the part of college students. Some of the jobs include: working with the Vineyard Retreat Center's staff; leading Back Yard Bible Clubs; helping with an associational mission trip to Mobile and Washington counties. Their responsibilities span the gamut from washing dishes and cleaning floors to leading worship.

Student missionaries assigned to Coffee County include: Jennifer Cole, Judson College; John Granger, Jr., Lurleen B Wallace Community College; Sallie Kruse, Samford University; Kelli Nichols, Judson College; Erica Ruede, Judson College; Chris Thomas, Enterprise Ozark Community College; Deloris Vaughan, Converse College in South Carolina; Jennifer Gunter, Judson College (not pictured); Steve Tipton, Vineyard Manager, with summer missionaries.

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Compton-Rock wedding ceremony held May 31 in Montgomery

Miss Carli Syree Rock of Montgomery and Mr. Alan Drew Compton of Brantley were united in marriage on May 31, 2003, in Montgomery, Ala. Ministers Jeff Grimes and Troy Durden officiated at the three o'clock ceremony at Dalrainia Church of Christ. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Rock of Montgomery, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Compton of Brantley. Grandparents are Mr. Richard Solomon and the late Mrs. Carol Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rock and the late Mrs. Carol Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. George Compton.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was radiant in a formal gown of mikado satin. The two-piece candlelight gown featured a scoop neckline with crystal beaded straps and a princess line bodice enhanced with crystal and pearl beading. The back was highlighted by a lace-up bodice and a semi-cathedral train. Her veil, an illusion of candlelight tulle, complemented the gown as it flowed the entire length of the princess line skirt and train. The bride's bouquet was a cascade of cream virginia roses, fern, trailing ivy, and streamers of white satin ribbon. Irresistible crystal earrings and necklace completed her ensemble.

Miss Ashley Miles attended the bride as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Amber Compton, sister of the groom; Miss Tiffany Bonner, Miss Lyndsey Collier, Miss Ashley Seng, Miss Emily Sexton, Miss Whitney Skipper, and Miss Kier Todd. They wore elegant full-length gowns of translucent coral. Each attendant wore a column skirt and a bodice style of their own choosing. They wore crystal earrings and necklaces, a gift from the bride. They carried bouquets of peach and cream virginia roses, daisies and carnations in spring colors, trailing ivy, and flowing coral satin ribbons.

Miss Kristen Carver and Miss Anna Carver, cousins of the groom, served as flower maidens. They wore tea length dresses of white and silk organza and carried matching satin drawstring bags containing coral, pink, and yellow rose petals which they scattered as they descended the aisle. They also wore crystal earrings and necklaces, gifts from the bride.

Mr. Ricky Compton, father of the groom, served his son as best man. Groomsmen were Mr. John-David Rock, brother of the bride; Mr. Miller Rock, brother of the bride; Mr. Clay Butler, Mr. Brian D'Herde, Mr. Brandon McCaghren, Mr. Nathan Nichols, and Mr. Zach Oden. The groom wore a traditional black Jean Yves three-button tuxedo with a silver vest. His boutonniere featured a cream virginia rose. He carried it in his jacket pocket an engraved New Testament which had been part of his parents' wedding. The groomsmen wore matching one-button black tuxedos, also with silver vests. Their boutonnieres were peach virginia roses with variegated ivy.

Special music selections were presented by Mrs. Meg Burkhardt, cousin of the bride, who sang "Grow Old Along With Me," and Miss Whitney Miles and Mr. Jason Isbell who sang "God Bless the Broken Road" as the couple lit the unity candle.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Rock chose a tea length dress of seafoam green, accented with a crystal necklace and earrings. The mother of the groom wore a tea length sand beige dress and family heirloom ruby lavalliere.

As guests entered the church foyer, they were registered by Miss Marci Solomon and Miss Lindsey Solomon, cousins of the bride. The pews down the center aisle were marked with hurricane lamps, accented with white tulip, coral ribbons, daisies, and peach pixie roses. Other decorations included spiral candleabra trees, an arrangement of hurricane lamps, and



Mr. & Mrs. Alan Compton

large arrangements of roses, daisies, and various spring flowers.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Cindy Dukes, coordinated by Mrs. Linda Rigsby, and photographed by Mr. Russ Baxley.

Reception

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Alan Compton was held in the annex building of the church. The four-tiered white cream wedding cake was topped with coral ribbons which cascaded the length of it. Other tiers featured a traditional bride and groom, a flowing fountain, and coral. The cake was decorated with cream virginia roses, fern, trailing ivy, and flowing coral satin ribbons.

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Miss Rock was honored with a lingerie shower by college friends and classmates. The surprise shower was held on the campus of Faulkner University on February 27, 2003.

Miss Dittra Graham, Miss Whitney Skipper, Miss Lyndsey Collier, and Mrs. Jan Collier honored Miss Rock with a room by room shower on April 16, 2003. The shower was held at Wynakes in Montgomery, Alabama. Special guests were high school friends, bridal attendants, Mrs. Deebe Rock, mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Virginia Compton, mother of the groom-to-be, and Miss Amber Compton, sister of the groom-to-be.

Following a wedding trip to London and Paris, the couple resides in Montgomery.

Parties and Showers

Rehearsal Supper

On the evening before the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party, friends, and family at Copeland's Restaurant in Montgomery. During this time the guests were treated to a video featuring the lives of the bride and groom. Mrs. Susan Carver, aunt of the groom, sang "Household of Faith" and "Only God Could Love You More." Decorations and desserts were provided by Mrs. Dorothy Cook and Mrs. Inez Compton, grandmothers of the groom, and Mrs. Pam Ganous, aunt of the groom. Guests ordered from a menu of Cajun-style entrees.

Bridesmaids Brunch

Miss Carli Rock and her wedding attendants were honored at a brunch on Saturday, May 24, 2003, at Pike Road, Alabama. Hostesses were Ms. Paris Faulkner, Mrs. Ruth Ellers Solmon, Mrs. Gena Hill, and Mrs. Tammy Solomon, aunts of the bride. The bride-elect presented her attendants with gifts

LIFESTYLES



NEW ARRIVAL

EMMA FLEMING GRIESHOP

Trigg and Calista Grieshop of Cartersville, Ga. announce the birth of Emma Fleming Grieshop. She was born March 26, 2003 at Cartersville Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Martha Fleming of Brundidge and paternal grandparents are Gary Trigg Grieshop of Montgomery and the late Donna Grieshop.

Grandparents of the bride to be are Irene Radney of Dothan and the late Harvey Perry of Dothan, and Jeannette Blount and the late Edward Blount of Dothan.

Grandparents of the groom to be are Mrs. Ruth Mack and the late Ulma Mack of Elba and Mrs. Jean Whitworth and the late Fred Whitworth of Jasper.

The wedding will be an event of September 27th, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of the groom's parents, 1660 Highland Drive, Elba, Al. A reception will follow at the Elba Country Club.

How to use your Personal Computer Course offered at MacArthur State

MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will offer How to Use Your Personal Computer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for six weeks. The class will begin on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 and end on Thursday, July 17, 2003.

How to Use Your Personal Computer is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on class will cover Windows 98/XP, Microsoft Word 2000, and e-mail. The Windows 98/XP portion of the course will include: getting started with Windows 98/XP, working with programs, files, and Folders; and maintaining your data. Microsoft Word 2000 training will include: getting started with Word 2000, editing and proofing documents; formating with tables; formating pages; adding graphics; and working with graphics. The e-mail portion of the training will include: sending an attachment with an e-mail message, saving an attachment as a file, and setting up an address book.

The cost of the course is \$85.00 per participant. Participants will be charged an additional fee for their textbook. Anyone interested in this course must register before Tuesday, June 10, 2003. For more information or to register please contact Susan Bee at (334) 493-3573, ext. 260.

Misty Smart celebrates 13th birthday

Misty Smart, daughter of Larry and Sandra Smart, Orange Park, Fla. officially became a teenager (13 years old) on June 12, 2003. She celebrated her birthday with a party with her cheerleading team followed by a dinner with friends (including grandmother, Edna Smart) at Chilli's Restaurant.

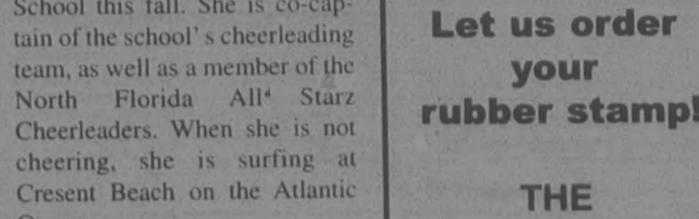
Misty was given a eighth grader at Orange Park Junior High School this fall. She is co-captain of the school's cheerleading team, as well as a member of the North Florida All Starz Cheerleaders. When she is not cheering, she is surfing at Crescent Beach on the Atlantic Ocean.

Grandparents are Lucile Sexton and Edna Smart, both of Elba.

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William Ryan Holderfield

Dedication held for William Ryan Holderfield

On June 15, 2003 Memphis Baptist Church held its annual Father's Day Dedication and Pastor Ernest O'Neal conducted the ceremony. Parents Darrell and Cheri Holderfield of Dothan, Ala. publicly vowed to rear their son, William Ryan Holderfield in a Christian environment. William is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Holderfield and Elizabeth "Dell" Crocker, all of Elba. He was born September 30, 2002 at Southeast Medical Center in Dothan and is presently nine months old.

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Applications will continue to be processed as residents are admitted.

Miss Perry and Mr. Whitworth to be united in marriage on Saturday, September 27



Mr. Jamie Whitworth & Miss Misty Perry

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Bradley's Florist & Gift Bridal Registry

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Elba Full Gospel Church to hold revival July 10-12

Elba Full Gospel Church will hold a revival July 10-12 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. David McCormick of Opp.

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church to celebrate Homecoming

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will hold Homecoming on July 13, 2003. Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Douglas Golden will bring the message. A special singing with Derek Snellgrove, and dinner will follow the service. Revival will begin on July 14 at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Mack King and St. John Choir in charge of service. Tuesday, July 15 Bro. Donnie Marler and Victoria Baptist Church will be in charge of service. Wednesday, July 16 Bro. Ben McKee and New Brockton Methodist will be in charge of service.

Mt. Zion to hold revival services

A revival will be held every Monday night in July at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion. The speakers will be Galen McWaters, Randy Halcomb, Mark Ward and Billy Miles. A special singing will be held each night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Liberty Church of Christ plans Vacation Bible School for July 14-18

Liberty Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School July 14-18, 2003 from 6:00-8:15.

Ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to attend. The theme will be "Mission: All Things Are Possible."

Supper will be served nightly. Liberty Church of Christ is located 6 miles from Elba on the Samson Highway. For more info, call Dana Mack at 898-2982.

Homecoming to be held at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala. will hold Homecoming July 13, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. and Revival Services July 14-18, 2003 at 7:15 p.m. nightly.

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Scripture: Mark 6:1-29

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Lizzie Tyson, Marie Tillis, Ruth Belcher, Johnnie R. Belcher, The Robinson Family, The Snell Family, The Long Family, Alan Belcher, Annie Bell, Flounroy, Christine Birmingham, Randy Daniels, O.B. Daniels and Homer C. Coleman.

***July Birthdays: Joyce B. Johnson - July 7, Evelyn Manning - July 8, Malik Kelley - July 9, Lydia Kelley - July 10, Kenya Martin - July 10, Connie Moody - July 13, Curtis Kelley - July 13, Christina Kelley - July 17, Brandy Kelley

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Community BBQ planned at Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God

Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God will hold a Community BBQ July 12th from 4:30-7:30. Chicken plates, baked beans, rice and

bread cakes. All proceeds go toward the completion of sanctuary. Donations only. For more information call Howard Moore at 389-2416.

The South Alabama Conference of the A.M.E. Church to hold meeting July 19th

The South Alabama Conference of the A.M.E. Church will hold its next Conference Center meeting on Saturday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. in New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Geneva. This meeting will immediately follow the gathering of the South Conference WMS Executive Board, which is scheduled to convene at 10:00 a.m. at New Bethel. The purpose of the Center meeting is to provide updates on progress toward construction of a South Conference Center in Dothan. Donations toward this effort will be accepted at this meeting, or may be given to any Board

member at any time, or mailed to Ms. Bernella Knight, Treasurer, P. O. Box 628, Tuskegee, AL 36087. Those members who have chosen the "Dollar Per Day" or other level of donating may make their quarterly donation at this meeting or whenever convenient.

The land for the site has been purchased, so funds are now needed to proceed with construction plans. For more information, please contact Board of Directors President, James M. Roberts, at 792-8249. Presiding Elders J. F. McCloud, 983-1966; J. D. Sanders, 347-0875; or David Reddick, 308-1400.

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church's Anniversary Celebration to be held July 20

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, 841 Geneva Highway, Enterprise, Alabama, Reverend T.W. Parker, Sr. Pastor, will celebrate their church anniversary, Sunday, July 20, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. and Revival Services

For more information contact, Sis. Betty Simmons, 347-9288; Sis. Joyce Baxter, 347-1952 or Reverend Parker, 393-0000.

The guest minister will be Reverend David E. Reddick, 2661/347-4489

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choose to make our expression by simply inviting you to join our search party as we look for him in all of his old familiar places.

Let's look for him in the fields, where he labored so very long and hard,

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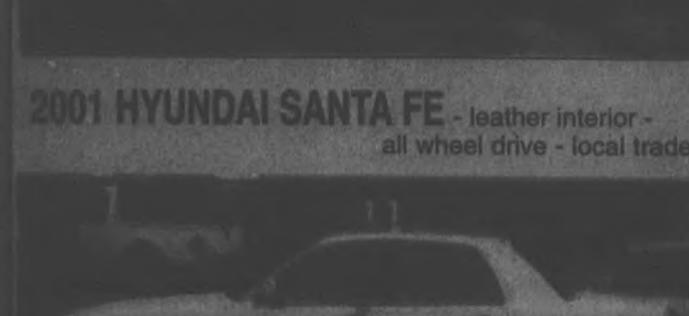
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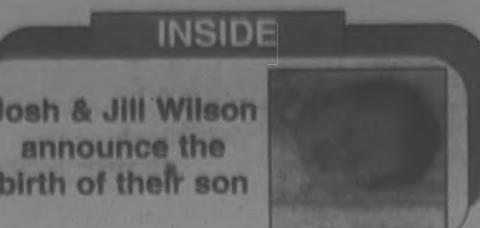
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New Brockton appoints "acting" police chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council began its monthly meeting Monday evening, July 14, with a few of announcements from Mayor Charles Cole.

Cole offered a bit of positive economic news for New Brockton with the announcement of a new eatery coming to town. He said Moore's Buffet is

set to open at its new location on Friday, Aug. 1, in the building formerly occupied by Judy's Log Cabin.

Moore's Buffet is currently open in Opp, Ala., and Cole said the forthcoming New Brockton location will be an expansion

effort for the business owners. Putting an end to several weeks of rumors and speculations, Cole said the town at this time has an "acting" chief of police. He said William "Bill" King has been appointed "acting" chief of police until the time in which the position is filled on a permanent basis.

King officially took over the position as "acting" police chief last Thursday, July 10, following a swearing in ceremony. He fills the position vacated by Jerry Gilbert following a closed hearing held Wednesday, July 2.

After Gilbert's hearing, it was announced that he would no longer be employed as chief of police for New Brockton, but

details surrounding the matter were not provided.

King has named officer Dale Grimes as his "acting" assistant chief of police.

Officer Grimes and I work well together, and we have a plan for New Brockton," King said. "We want to improve the performance of the department and make it more professional which in itself will improve the quality of service for the town."

King is a seasoned police and security officer with on and off service since 1970. He had 22 years of military service with the Army and has been with the New Brockton Police Department for five and a half

years. He also has completed two state police academies including Pennsylvania and Alabama.

The New Brockton Police Department currently has one full-time officer (King) and four part-time officers.

During Monday's council meeting, Cole said he has the authority to appoint a new police chief for the town, but he wants to be sure he and the council members are together in finding the person best suited for the job. He said there are several things the group needs

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Interstate 85 accident turns tragic for one Elba family

A traffic accident on Interstate 85 early Sunday morning, July 13, turned deadly for one Elba family as four relatives were killed.

Elba residents Mickey Parks, age 45, and Donald Parks, age 39, were killed instantly along with Donald's two children, David, age 14, and Deseray, age 13. Although natives of Coffee County, the two teens were current residents of Gadsden. No one was injured with their mother, Davana Parks Moore.

According to reports from the Auburn police and Lee County coroner Bill Harris, the four-vehicle accident occurred shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday morning on I-85 near the 52-mile marker.

Police said the Parks' vehicle was struck head-on by a pick-up truck traveling the wrong way in the southbound lanes of the interstate. The truck was being driven by William Anderson Potts, age 33, of Opelika, and he too was killed in the accident.

Seven other people traveling in two other vehicles were also injured in the accident and taken to East Alabama Medical Center where they were treated and later released.

Funeral services for brothers Mickey and Donald Parks were held Wednesday, July 16, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba while services for siblings David and Deseray Parks will be held today (Thursday), July 17, in Gastonia, N.C. (Complete obituaries for all four may be found on page 3.)

Elba City Council holds short meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening for five whole minutes. In the absence of Mayor James Grimes who was attending an out-of-town related meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presided over the meeting.

The council voted to award the bid for cutting the marketable timber at the Carl Folsom Airport to Smurfit-Stone Timber Company of Andalusia, for a bid of \$130,957.50.

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